

North Yorkshire County Council

Corporate & Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

21 January 2013

Additional Budget Savings Required in 2013/14 and 2014/15 – Central Services Directorate

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide an opportunity for the Committee to contribute to discussions and plans for achieving the additional budget savings required in 2013/14 (Year 3) and 2014/15 (Year 4) in the Central Services Directorate.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will recall that by the end of the current four-year Medium Term Financial Strategy in 2014/15 the County Council was required to make savings of £69m.
- 2.2 At our Committee meeting in November, Members received a progress update on the savings to be met by the Finance & Central Services Directorate for Years 3 and 4. These formed part of the £69m of savings.
- 2.3 However, as a result of the Chancellor's autumn statement announced in December 2012 and the Council receiving its Provisional Government Settlement for 2013/14, this figure has increased by £24m to £93m.
- 2.4 Plans are already in place under which the Council is on course to have saved £52m of the £93M by the end of this year.
- 2.5 The budget situation was a topic at the Members seminars on 14 November 2012, 5 December 2012 and 9 January 2013. Appendix 1 is an extract from the presentations on 9 January and provides an overview of the savings required over the next 2 years.
- 2.6 Additional information will be provided at the meeting by the Corporate Director for Strategic Resources or their representative.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That Members consider the plans for achieving budget savings across the Central Services Directorate so that any comments may be taken into account by the Executive at its meeting on 5 February 2013.

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Background documents: None

Appendix 1 - Extract from the Members' Seminar budget presentation, 9 January 2013

Further Pressures 2013/14 and 2014/15

	<u>13/14</u>	<u>14/15</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£m	£m	£m
MTFS Savings (69m / 4 yrs)	8.2	8.7	16.9
<u>ADD</u>			
↳ Fallout of one-off C Tax Freeze Grant+	2.7	1.7	4.4
↳ Council Tax Benefits Localisation	-	0.6	0.6
↳ Early Intervention Grant	4.4	1.0	5.4
↳ Council Tax Freeze Grant	6.1	3.8	9.9
↳ Additional cut in Government Grant	2.5	3.1	5.6
↳ Price decreases etc.	(3.8)	2.1	(1.7)
	<hr/> 11.9	<hr/> 12.3	<hr/> 24.2
Total Savings Required	<hr/> 20.1	<hr/> 21.0	<hr/> 41.1
Extra Savings since 5 December Seminar	-0.8	+3.5	+2.7